

# Mathematics and Response to Intervention

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#### RTI and Mathematics

- Outline
  - Research
  - Core Instruction
  - Professional Development
  - Assessment & Intervention

Where we are now & what we still need

#### Research

- Where we are
  - COI-Math resources online
  - Studies investigating
    - Characteristics of Students with Math Disabilities (MD)
    - Screening and progress monitoring assessments
    - Arithmetic instruction for students with MD
  - Coming soon
    - National Mathematics Panel Synthesis
- What we need
  - Research-to-practice information and recommendations
  - Experimental intervention studies

#### Core Instruction

- Where we are
  - Principles and Standards for School Mathematics
  - National Science Foundation recommendations
  - Few basal programs (research-based?)
  - Teacher created lessons
- What we still need
  - Better understanding of
    - Predictors of early mathematics performance
    - Normal mathematics learning/development
- Systematic, coherent research-based instruction (Bryant & Bryant Webinar, 2007)

## Professional Development

- Where we are:
  - Existing PD frameworks
    - District- and State-level models and resources
    - Reading specific models and resources
  - Coming soon:
    - Col Guide for choosing professional development
- What we still need:
  - Evidence of what works
  - Implementation of mathematics-specific PD

#### Assessment and Intervention

- Where we are
  - Limited availability of technically adequate measures for identification and to monitor response to intervention
  - Limited evidenced-based interventions demonstrating efficacy for improving mathematics performance in early mathematics skills and concepts

(Bryant & Bryant Webinar, 2007)

#### Assessment and Intervention

- What we still need
  - Technically adequate measures for early mathematics number, operation, and quantitative reasoning skills and concepts
  - To develop, refine, and evaluate interventions to teach students who have been identified as struggling or at risk for MD

(Chard, Clarke, Baker, Otterstedt, Braun, & Katz, 2005)

## Summary

- We're heading in the right direction
  - Ongoing studies
    - 3-Tier Model in Mathematics (SERP-Math)
    - Case-based studies
  - Implementation of mathematics instruction within an RTI framework

# Summary

- We need more
  - Syntheses of existing research
  - Practical implications of and recommendations from existing research
    - Core instruction
    - Interventions
    - Assessments
  - Experimental studies of learning, development, instruction, assessment and intervention

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#### Resources

- Center on Instruction Website
  - www.centeroninstruction.org/

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